

EL PASO PURPOSES TO PROVIDE HEALTHFUL RECREATION FACILITIES

EL PASO will have a series of popular concerts next season, with soloists of national reputation, and seats as low as 25 cents. Liberty hall is large enough to justify low prices for seats for any entertainment that may be provided there. If a "shell" were erected to direct the sound better, the effect would be improved. As the hall comes more into use perhaps improvements can be brought about. It is fortunate that El Paso has such a place of public gathering. It is not at all impossible that we may eventually find it necessary to erect a municipal theater and opera house, since it is a universal means of expression and education in anything but moving picture houses in this city. We have no suitable place for drama and opera, and it will be increasingly hard to induce the best road companies to come here, until we provide better accommodations.

Musical entertainments will have to be provided for the most part by our own efforts. El Paso has plenty of excellent talent, instrumental and vocal, and increasing use is being made of it for community entertainment. It is a good sign, a sign of health and vigor in community life. It is only the decadent peoples and decadent communities that rely exclusively on "bought and paid for" means of entertainment; good health, intellectual, moral, physical and spiritual vigor express themselves in self entertainment, in play, sport, and artistic self expression. This is true of individuals and of communities.

An institution of first importance, if we are to develop and feed the musical sense of the people and do our part to supply wholesome recreation, is the symphony orchestra and concert band. Last summer El Paso had a series of outdoor concerts and last winter a series of symphony concerts brought pleasure to many people who otherwise would have little opportunity to hear good orchestral music. The city administration provided part of the cost, and the balance was made up by private subscription.

This year it is proposed to give 20 band concerts and at least four orchestral concerts. The cost will be \$10,000, and private subscribers offer to pay half if the city will pay the other half.

The proposal is reasonable and ought to be accepted by the city administration if it is possible to find the money. Most cities of this size nowadays have summer and winter concerts, and El Paso has already found enjoyment in them and knows their value. Such an investment is wise and profitable. No one should get the idea that music is for the few; it is a universal means of expression and popular enjoyment. Only by hearing good music often enough to become familiar with it, can the musical taste of the people be improved and nourished. And many persons receive more benefit from this form of entertainment than from any other.

The music committee of the chamber of commerce is right when it insists upon the necessity of making the instrumental organization a permanent, all year institution. Competent leaders and musicians cannot be held unless the employment is permanent and continuous. The excellence of an orchestra or band depends largely on the frequency of rehearsals and the working together a long time under the same leadership. Since it is not possible to engage the musicians for their full time, they must have outside employment, and this makes rehearsal difficult enough as it is; good results cannot be expected from merely temporary and accidental association of men and women not constantly trained to work in the larger group. Many of the same musicians would work in both band and orchestra, if the institution were put on a permanent basis.

It need be that some kinds of thefts were misdeemeanors. Now it is almost impossible to steal anything that is worth less than \$20.

Anybody can get a letter of recommendation. Even the devil can be highly recommended for being industrious.

One reason why the cost of living is lower in Chile is that nobody much wants to live there.

The defendant is presumed to be innocent until he is proved guilty unless he is a husband.

Every dog has his day, but the day is often over before the dog knows it is his.

Little Interviews.

Farm Women Welcome Plan To Make Homes Attractive U. S. Supervision Of Stock Cars Halts The Spread Of Disease

THE country woman, like every other modern woman, is keen for beauty, but in the past she has had less of it in her life than has the city dweller. Mrs. J. Moore Oliver, the wife of a well known South Texas ranchman.

"Too many farm homes inside and out are unattractive. They are not only unattractive but they are unhealthy. A demand for information as to the beautifying of the home by the south-western woman in the rural districts is the reason it has been taken up definitely by government. The department of agriculture has done much in teaching farm women easier and better methods of doing their house work. In addition, the beautifying of the farm yard, the poultry house, the Texas, an impromptu meeting of this kind recently brought out 28 women. They intensely anxious to learn what the demonstration agent could teach them about making the surroundings of their homes more attractive."

The demonstration was given at the home of one of the women who had recently built a new house and wanted to have the settings of it right. The importance of planting and arranging perennial vines as a background on the porch and fence was one point stressed by the extension worker. Instruction was also given in arranging shrubbery to the

The Young Lady Across The Way

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Revise the "Blue Laws"

EL PASO might perform a great public service if she would lead a movement to revise the "blue laws" and Sunday laws of Texas to bring them in line with enlightened modern practice. It is unwise to retain on the statute books, laws that public sentiment does not uphold. One who regards law seriously and believes in sustaining government does not like to advocate deliberate infraction of the statutes, or approve the action of juries in refusing to enforce certain laws. Yet so long as the "blue laws" remain on the books they will be enforced only sporadically, and when public sentiment tolerates continual defiance of written law, public sentiment becomes debauched.

Sunday movies, for example, should be specifically authorized by law. A few days ago the court of criminal appeals affirmed a case in which a moving picture proprietor was fined for operating his house on Sunday. The court could have done nothing else and remained consistent. But the law is unwise and ought to be repealed.

Sunday moving pictures do not interfere with the churches or with the ordinary life of religious people. But they do afford harmless recreation for a multitude to whom Sunday is the one day of relaxation. They should be exempted from the operation of prohibitory laws. There are many other excellent and harmless pursuits which are now prohibited on Sunday by state laws, and which ought to be exempted. The Sunday laws should be entirely revised, and brought into line with reason and with the common practice of well disposed people.

The great principle in fighting evil is in substituting forms of recreation that are not harmful. Merely prohibiting does not accomplish the desired end, there must be something better supplied in place of what is prohibited. East Texas must be converted to different ideas on these things, and El Paso will serve the entire state if she will take the lead in a campaign for modern regulatory statutes that can and will be enforced with the support of all orderly citizens.

A Big Swimming Pool

SPEAKING of local amusement facilities, one of the best places of news we have had for a long time is the news that the old Sunset Heights reservoir is to be made into a big open air swimming pool. It is six times as big as the average swimming pool. Ample space can be set off for little children and women, without unduly restricting the general pool. The pool will be of varying depth, from two to nine feet, and every safeguard will be provided. Continuous fresh water supply from the city mains will insure good sanitation. The pool will be readily accessible, it will be lighted at night, and it should quickly become a favorite resort. For summer recreation nothing could be provided that would give more healthful enjoyment to the people.

El Paso will not soon be relieved of the unfortunate burden imposed by the wide open policy followed in Ciudad Juarez. No matter how well El Paso may enforce laws against liquor traffic, public gambling, and prostitution, the proximity of Juarez with its backward ideas of regulation in the public interest will handicap every effort made on this side to improve conditions.

But the most practical means El Paso can adopt for the present to combat the evil influences that prevail in Juarez will be to provide abundant means for amusement, entertainment, and recreation on this side of the river, and make El Paso more alluring than Juarez to all but the depraved persons who prefer to wallow in moral degradation.

Some fear we are returning to barbarism. Others think we will get there sooner if we keep on going.

American aviators are being detained in Mexico just as though they hadn't had a revolution there.

The house must be about all gone in Russia; we don't hear much from that country any more.

Young men think old men are fools; but old men know young men are fools.

—George Chapman.

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low growing kinds would be in front of the taller. Where flowering plants were to be used the necessity of planting colors which would harmonize with the landscape was emphasized. In fact, an intensive course in landscape gardening on a small scale was given to the women.

"Cleaning and disinfecting railroad stock cars is an important means of preventing the spread of infectious diseases of live stock," said Thomas A. Bray, inspector in charge of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry. "By this means communicable diseases to which domestic animals are subject, and which include tick fever, scabies of sheep and cattle, hog cholera and many others can be best prevented. The stock cars in order of production will be those of M. B. Graves, H. Jensen, R. A. Burgess, A. S. Spurlock, P. White, the ranches of M. L. Caldwell and others. It will take every available worker from the harvest season and from 30 to 100 men, women and boys in the packing of the fruit. Boys can make 75¢ a day, and a picking crew can pick from 25 to 40 boxes a day."

he uses only when not engaged in detecting, is said to be Joseph P. Jenkins. He is attributed with being the most famous negro detective in existence. He is also said to display powers supernatural in detecting crimes. He is said to be a detective of the highest order, and he has cleared the work of Nick Carter and William J. Burns look alike.

It is said of him that he once dogged the footsteps of a noted criminal from the United States to the Philippines, back to and across this country and then to Cuba, where he finally ran him to ground. He did great work in clearing the mysterious ax murders that horrified Louisiana several years ago, and was also instrumental in breaking up the notorious Pease gang in north Texas. An almost incredible accomplishment, that is his ability to follow minutely the conversations between many as four men, while standing across the street and out of earshot of them. He can tell what they say by the movements of their lips—a feat he is said to have learned in China.

"Willie Manuel" has a deep scar down his face, and he is said to have been received from a boy in the hands of a Filipino.

"Willie Manuel" real name, that

Land Sharks

By WALT MASON.

WE used to journey off to Rome to spend the long vacation; but now we jaunt around at home, for rest and recreation. Our native land has all the goods that any country offers; our mountains and primal woods re-buke the world-far sojourners. We have a string of gorgeous parks, and rivers, lakes and oceans; we have, all kinds of sharks who stir up wild emotions. When any region makes a hit, and people go to view it, the natives say, "Wherefore did you get there, heathen?" The stranger who's within their gates, in his new bib and tucker, is trimmed by profiteering skates who greet him as a sucker. The landlubber dishes up a meal that tastes like brick and mortar, and charges, with his perve of steel, two dollars and a quarter. The pirate of the rooming shack no conscience has in keeping, and for a bed that breaks your back, his charges set you weeping. The system's foolishness, so profiteers will find it; and greedy advertising's vain if piracy's behind it. The man who's stung in Glensy Glen will tell the world about it; and he won't seek that Glen again, and all his friends will flout it.

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SCHOOL DAYS

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By DWIG



Ye Towne Gossip.
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THERE'S a little tailor.

NEAR WHERE I live.

WHO PRESSES clothes.

AND ONCE in a while.

I CARRY a suit.

TO THE door of his shop.

AND LATER on.

I GO back again.

AND HE folds the coat.

AND FOLDS the pants.

AND CAREFULLY places them.

ON MY arm.

AND I take them home.

AND YESTERDAY.

I GOT my suit.

AND WAS going home.

AND A woman called.

FROM AN upstairs window.

OF A house I pass.

AND MADE me wait.

WHILE SHE came downstairs.

AND IN a moment.

SHE OPENED the door.

THAT STOOD at the top.

OF THE brownstone steps.

AND SAID to me.

WOULD I come up.

AND, OF course, I did.

AND ALL the while.

IN WONDERMENT.

AS TO what it was.

THAT SHE might want.

AND WHEN I had climbed

TO THE topmost steps.

SHE WANTED to know.

IF I brought old clothes.

AND LOOKED at the suit.

THAT HUNG on my arm.

AND I thought a moment.

AND THEN I said.

IF THIS clothes would fit.

AND LOOKED all right.

THAT MAYBE I would.

AND ALONG about then.

SHE GOT red in the face.

AND STAMMERED something.

ABOUT A mistake.

AND CLOSED the door.

AND, HOWEVER, I look.

FROM UPSTAIRS down.

I'VE AT least found out.

FROM A close up view.

I REALLY don't look.

LIKE AN ol' clothes man.

I THANK you.

If I Had My Life To Live Over Again

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Beauty Chats
By EDNA KENT FORBES.

From the Mailbag.

SUNSHINE—If you have palpitation

of the heart the best thing for

you to do is to see your doctor.

It may of course come from nothing

more serious than indigestion. In

that case, going on a light diet would

help you much. But to make sure,

see your doctor.

May 15—If your hair is turning

gray at the temples it is better

to give yourself treatments to improve

the health of the hair rather than to

attempt to cover up the gray hair by

using a dye. If you will send me a

letter with a self-addressed, stamped

envelope enclosed, I will send you my

own formula for an excellent hair

tonic. You may need violet ray treat-

ments. These are frequently the very

best things to prevent premature

graying.

Constant Reader—If you persist in

cutting your hair of course it will

break off and become thin. This is

one of the very worst things that you

can do. If you have a lot of dan-

droff cut with the scalp with sulphur oint-

ment a few days before you shampoo

it and rub a little oil into the scalp

immediately after the shampoo.

Kileen—If a bad breath is not

caused by the teeth it is due to indig-

estion, constipation or catarrh. Take

bad ants. He rushed away, not

looking out after my brother Pestle

threw it.

"Oh, no, it didn't hit me. I'm all

right," said the bunny uncle. And

just then Jackie gave a jump, as he

caught the ball and took it to the

back. And as Jackie jumped his tail

accidentally brushed in a nice round

beep of dirt which some ants had

gathered for their new home.

"Oh, please stop. You are spilling

our new house," cried the ants in

their tiny voices.

Then with his white and blue

striped rump, Uncle Wiggly, who

Wiggly poked the sand together in a

heap and the ants thanked him

very much.

Then the rabbit gentleman walked

on a little further, and pretty soon

he came to a shady tree. And from

under the tree came a most and moun-

tainous voice, saying:

"Why, that sounds like trouble!"

Uncle Wiggly, who was in the

hedge, and who was the bunny and

the rabbit girl, and the matter is

I don't know how to do my arithmetic

number work, and I have an examination

in the hollow stump school to-

morrow, and I'm afraid I won't pass,"

said the ant.

"Dear Mr. That does sound like a

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